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ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO FLOWERING OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any strategy to tackle the environmental damage likely to be caused by the flowering of bamboo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of damage taken place during the last flowering season; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) The cyclic flowering of bamboos is an established phenomenon. There is no information available about the adverse effect on the ecosystem and environment as a result of the flowering of bamboos. However, large scale gregarious flowering entails possibilities of severe forest fires and rodent menace. The areas where this phenomenon takes place has to be suitably managed by the State Government after taking into account all the relevant factors.